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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC
SUBJ: TRAVEL TO BENIN

1. WHILE THERE NO NEW ARRESTS OF AMCITS IN BENIN FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, WE HAVE HAD SOME CLOSE CALLS, INCLUDING ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH OFFICIAL PASSPORT.

2. RECENTLY TOURISTS BEING TURNED AWAY AT BORDER FOR IMPROPER DRESS. OTHERS HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY CANNOT ENTER BENIN EXCEPT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. WE KNOW TWO INCIDENTS OF TOURISTS BEING TOLD THEY MUST SURRENDER PASSPORTS AT FRONTIER, FOR RETURN UPON DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY. IN ONE CASE WHEN TOURISTS SAID THEY WERE CONTINUING THROUGH BENIN INTO NIGERIA, THEY WERE PERMITTED TO RETAIN PASSPORTS. BOTH THESE PARTIES ORDERED TO GO TO OFFICE OF TOURISM AND HOTELS IN COTONOU IMMEDIATELY AND OBTAIN "TOURIST REGISTRATION CARDS." TOURIST OFFICE GAVE THEM UNCLASSIFIED

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COPIES OF DECREE ON WHAT IS OR IS NOT PERMISSIBLE TO PHOTOGRAPH, WHICH ISSUED IN 1974 AND IF FOLLOWED, WOULD RESULT IN THEIR BEING JAILED. FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL OFFICE UNAWARE OF ABOVE-CITED NEW PROCEDURES.

3. WE CONTINUE TO URGE THAT ALL NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL TO BENIN BY AMCITS BE DISCOURAGED. THOSE WHO ARE TRAVELING SHOULD BE

ADVISED OF ABOVE PROBLEMS, THAT RULES IN BENIN ARE WHIMSICAL
AND SUBJECT TO SUDDEN CHANGE WITHOUT WARNING, AND UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD PHOTOS BE TAKEN. CREAGER

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